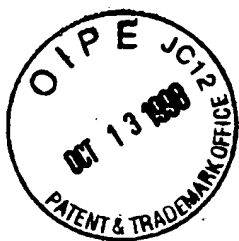


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

With respect to the Interview Summary of Paper No. 9, Applicant would like to respectfully submit the following clarification. The undersigned did not agree, as stated in the Summary, that there is an art recognized motivation for modifying the magnetic head of Jeffers (U.S. Patent No. 4,908,724) into a "thin film" magnetic head. On the contrary, the undersigned clearly stated he was not, at the time of the

interview, contesting or otherwise addressing this issue. Instead, the undersigned focused on other shortcomings of the rejections set forth in Paper No. 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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